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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Le H Luu	2141	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19-23 and 25-41 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) .
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/24/2003</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

1. Claims 1-41 are presented for examination.
2. Applicant's election with traverse of claims 18-41 in the reply filed on 9/16/2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that no serious burden is presented to consider all of the claims in a single application. This is not found persuasive because there are two independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application as stated by Examiner in previous Office Action. Applicant also clearly described multiple embodiments in the specification. Therefore, it is a serious burden on Examiner to examine all claims 1-41 because Examiner is required to spend double amount of time to search for prior art for the two distinct inventions.
3. Applicant is required to cancel non-elected claims 1-17 in responding to this Office Action.
4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claims 18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kuzma patent no. 5,781,901.

7. As to claim 18, Kuzma teaches the invention as claimed, including a contents delivery system, comprising:

a communication network (col. 5 lines 51-65; Internet);

a data transmitter for transmitting contents, said data transmitter being connected to said communication network (col. 3 lines 16-43; col. 4 line 65 - col. 5 line 3); and

a data receiver for receiving said contents, said data receiver being connected to said communication network (col. 5 lines 51-65),

wherein a server, which stores said contents to be received by said data receiver, is connected to said communication network (col. 5 lines 51-65; WWW HTTP server),

a name of said server and a storing path of said contents to be received by said data receiver are written in said electronic mail (col. 5 lines 51-65, URL), and

said data receiver has a unit for accessing said server written in said electronic mail and downloading said contents from said server via said storing path written in said electronic mail (col. 5 lines 51-65; col. 6 lines 4-59).

8. As to claim 24, Kuzma inherently teaches said contents can be music data, and said receiver can reproduce said music data (col. 1 lines 21-33; col. 2 lines 24-31).

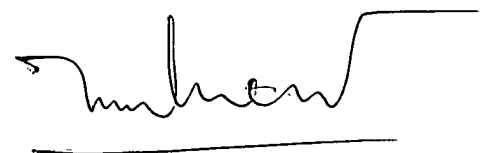
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9. Claims 19-23 and 25-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', is written above a horizontal line.

LE HIEN LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER

January 28, 2005